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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

FCC:

I strongly oppose USTelecom's petition. I am a freelance legal worker working in a deadline-driven field where fast and reliable internet access is absolutely essential. Because of the constant inexplicable problems I had with my prior DSL service--problems that interfered with my livelihood and exasperated me to the point of nearly wanting to pull my hair out--I switched to optical fiber service the moment it became available.

Since then, I've had NO problems with internet service. Furthermore, internet service is at this point an essential utility for most anybody in this country who hopes to not live in a cardboard box or tent on the street, or in a prison or jail. Competition must be preserved so that consumers can choose what works for them and avoid being trapped into accepting artificially high fees.

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